***Overview****: Use this customizable newsletter to share news of the Drug Development Course with your patient and caregiver community.*

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**Headline: Become a Drug Development Champion for [XX Disease]**

*Facing a rare disease without an available treatment can feel overwhelming. But there’s a way to turn that feeling into action—and make a real difference.*

The National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD) has launched a free, three-part online course designed to teach patients, caregivers, and advocates how to effectively collaborate and participate in drug development programs for rare diseases like [XX Disease]. Developed in partnership with the FDA and Critical Path Institute, this course will give you the knowledge to help advance treatments for yourself, a loved one or your rare community.

**Your Voice Matters in Drug Development**. Patients, caregivers and advocates are playing an increasingly important role in the research and approval of new treatments. Our community has vital information about daily life with [XX Disease] that can influence where researchers focus and how clinical trials are designed. NORD’s course walks you through each step, offering real-world examples of how patients and advocates like you have successfully driven progress.

**Make a Tangible Impact on the Future of [XX Disease]**

Whether you’re new to this journey or have been navigating it for years, the course gives you practical knowledge that can have a profound effect. Broken out into mobile-friendly and accessible lessons, you can learn at your own pace about a range of topics covering the entire drug development process, from pre-clinical research to FDA approval.

You can find the course website [here](https://rareedudev.wpengine.com/rare-disease-drug-development-series/). Working together, we can contribute to the drug development process for [XX Disease] and improve lives!

**ALT SECTION**

**Stay Connected and Involved *[optional section depending on current group efforts]***

[Advocacy Group’s Name] is already working on several efforts to support drug development, including [any specific data collection, natural history studies, or advocacy events]. If you want to get involved or learn more, contact [Insert Contact Information or Team Member Name].

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